Ans. May 8th.

Flower Ob. Jan. 29th 1883

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Prof. J. Torrey

Dear Sir, I take the liberty of sending you a specimen of a substance which fell with the rain here last Sat. morning, 26th inst. I first discovered it about 10 A.M. but I am told that it was seen soon after day light. It rained some during the night with a moderate breeze from S.S.E. but ceased as soon as light or before. It commenced again soon after 9 A.M. & ceased about 1 P.M. being very gentle & the breeze hardly perceptible. This substance I collected on the flag stones, & I expect that professional engagements prevented my collecting sufficient for thorough chemical analysis. Under the best microscope I am able to command at this place the substance has the appearance I have delineated in the margin. The extremities dark but the middle portion translucent & swelling out beyond the rest of the mass. I perceive this evening that they are changing their form somewhat & I fear that you will not find them in a very satisfactory state for examination.

The popular opinion of its nature was that it was Sulphur. This of course is not so. It has been pronounced by scientific men to be the pollen of some Southern plant now in bloom. By some it ~~is stated~~ was said to be the larvae of microscopic insect. Will you do me the favor

& communicate to me the result of your observations upon it, & greatly oblige

Very respectfully

Yours

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P. S. The extent of the deposite I have not yet definitely ascertained. It fell 5 miles South & West of us & 12 miles north.